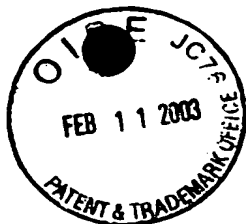


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VOLKER BENZ ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1774
SERIAL NO: 09/854,604 :
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new Claim 10:

10. (New) The extrusion die of Claim 9, which is adapted for producing a multilayer plastic composite by a method, said composite comprising a sequence of layers of at least two incompatible thermoplastic plastics, A and B, wherein said sequence of layers alternates between A and B, a layer of plastic B is discontinuous at regular intervals to form gaps in said layer of plastic B, and said gaps in said layer of B are filled in with plastic A;

[said method comprising coextruding plastic A and plastic B through said die,

wherein said coextruding plastic A and plastic B comprises forming a pair of fluid streams of said plastic A by passing a fluid stream of plastic A through said pair of parallel

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment w/Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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